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COUNCIL FOR THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF
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1. FOLLOWING LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR IDDI-LALA
RECEIVED TODAY FROM NICHOLAS GODIAN, LECTURER IN CULTURAL
ANTHROPOLOGY, FACULTY OF FINE ARTS, JEAN-BEDEL BOKASSA
UNIVERSITY, BANGUI: QUOTE THIS IS TO INTRODUCE DOCOTOR
RODOPHE IDDI LALA WHO IS READING IN SOCIOLOGY BOTH AT
JEAN-BEDEL BOKASSA UNIVERSITY AND THE ECOLE NATIONAL
D'ADMINISTRATION.

DOCOTOR LALA HAS ACHIEVED HIS PHD. DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF NANTERRE, PARIS X, WITH HONORS. HIS THESIS HAS
BEEN ESPECIALLY CONCERNED WITH THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE AND
PARTIES UNDER ANA AFTER THE COLONIAL RULE.

DOCTOR LALA IS INTERESTED IN INVESTIGATING WHAT POLITICAL
SYSTEMS CAN BE BEST ADAPTED TO AN AFRICAN ENVIRONMENT. HIS
PRESENT PROJECT IS TO DETERMINE TO WHAT EXTENT THE EXISTING
SOCIOLOGICAL PATTERNS TEND TO PRODUCE A COMMON CULTURAL AND
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ETHNIC TYPE AS FOUNDATION FOR A NATION STATE.

THEREFORE WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE HIM IN THE FIELD OF HIS ENQUIRIES. UNQUOTE.

3. LETTER ALSO RECEIVED TODAY FROM DR. PIERRE VIDAL, FACULTY OF LAW AND THE ECONOMIC SCIENCES, JEAN-BEDEL BOKASSA UNIVERSITY, BANGUI A, AND ETHNOLOGIST AND GUEST LECTURER WHO IS LONG-TIME STUDENT OF CENTRAL AFRICAN ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY AND WHO IS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS STUDIES OF MEGALITHS AT BOUAR IN NORTH WESTERN CAR: QUOTE WITH THIS LETTER I HAVE THE HONOR TO RECOMMEND DR. IDDI-LALA, WHO PRESENTLY IS LECTURING IN SOCIOLOGY AT JEAN-BEDEL BOKASSA UNIVERSITY.

DE. IDDI-LALA WROTE HIS DOCTORAL DISSERTATION IN SOCIOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS AT NANTERRE OF WHICH PROFESSOR E. DE DOMPIERRE IS DIRECTOR OF THE LABORATORY OF ETHNOLOGY AND COMPARATIVE SOCIOLOGY. I CERTIFY THAT PROFESSOR DE DOMPIERRE HAS THE HIGHEST ESTEEM FOR DR. IDDI-LALA'S RESEARCH WORK.

4. ORIGINALS OF LETTERS SENT BY AIR TO CIES TODAY.

5. EMBASSY DOES NOT PLAN TO NOMINATE ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE OR ALTERNATE AT THIS TIME.DALE

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